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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2958

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FOR IATF

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA REFUGEE: TIN CAO

REF: A) STATE 230540; B) BANGKOK 20627

1. APPRISE CONGRESSMAN INOUE THAT THE TIN CAO FAMILY'S HEARING WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 3RD AND CAO TIN WAS NOT ABLE TO PRODUCE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO THE INS INSPECTOR TO HAVE HIS FAMILY QUALIFY FOR PAROLE.

2. KNOWING OF SENATOR INOUE'S INTEREST THE CASE WAS REHEARD ON OCTOBER 4TH. AGAIN, CAO TIN FAILED TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE. DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION AS WELL AS STATEMENTS MADE DURING HEARINGS DO NOT CLEARLY ESTABLISH HE HAS A BLOOD BROTHER IN THE UNITED STATES.

3. THERE IS CONFUSION OVER KHAMVONGSOUK'S IMMIGRATION STATUS. AS PER IATF GUIDELINES, IF HE IS IN THE U.S. ON A STUDENT VISA HE IS IN A CATEGORY WHICH PREVENTS HIS QUALIFYING THE CAO TIN FAMILY FOR PAROLE INTO THE UNITED STATES.

4. A FURTHER COMPLICATION IS THAT NGUYEN HUU DUC WHO TIN'S WIFE, NGUYEN THI TRUONG, CLAIMS IS HER BLOOD BROTHER IS REFERRED TO IN FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE AS NEPHEW; UNDER THE EXPANDED GUIDANCE OF STATE 11652, PARA 4B THE CAO TIN FAMILY

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COULD QUALIFY FOR PAROLE ON THIS BASIS. HOWEVER, THE

OFFICE OF REFUGEE OPERATIONS HAS ALREADY USED ITS ENTIRE ALLOCATION OF INS NUMBERS. AT THIS TIME THE CAO TIN FAMILY CANNOT BE PAROLED.

5. IF MORE NUMBERS TO BECOME AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO THE EMBASSY IF SECSTATE THROUGH INS, HILO WOULD ESTABLISH THE IMMIGRATION STATUS AND RELATIONSHIP OF BOUNLEUANE KHAMVONGSOUK; SPECIFICALLY, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF HE IS A BLOOD BROTHER AND, IF HE IS IN THE U.S. ON A STUDENT VISA.

6. THE MEMBERS OF THE CAO TIN FAMILY PRESENTLY IN THAILAND ARE:

CAO TIN
NGUYEN THI TRUONG
CAO MINH HOAI
CAO TRONG HUY
CAO DUC CHINH
CAO MINH HUNG
NGUYEN THI VIET
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